

REMARKS

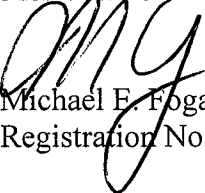
Claims 1 – 17, 19, and 20 are pending in the above identified application. All pending claims have been rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1 – 10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,301. Applicants have submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) which overcomes this rejection. Accordingly, all claims are now in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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